GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:222
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2005
INTEGRATED TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details with regard to the Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) functioning in various States alongwith their functions;

(b) whether the ITDAs are delivering the desired results;

(c) if so, the details of the achievements made by them during the last three years and thereafter;

(d) whether the Government keeps check on the funds sanctioned for ITDAs to obviate instances of misuse;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether any case of misuse of funds by the respective agencies has been reported;

(g) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken against such agencies; and

(h) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make the functioning of ITDAs more effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (h) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.222 FOR 9.8.2005, REGARDING INTEGRATED TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) are functioning in two States, namely, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. These ITDAs are registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860. The details of ITDAs in these two States are at Annexure-I. Other States have established Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPs) which are field offices under the State Governments. The main functions of the ITDAs/ITDPs are programme implementation for integrated socio-economic development of the tribal community, including development of infrastructure.

2. State Governments entrust implementation of various schemes relating to Tribal development to ITDAs/ITDPs and also its various line departments. The tofal funds released to the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs under various schemes for implementation of welfare programmes during last three years is as under: Rs. in lakhs

Year	Andhra Pradesh	Orissa
2002-03	7,338.90	11,140.91
2003-04	8,138.50	9,721.77
2004-05	6,961,55	12,168.84

3. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs releases funds under various schemes to the Tribal Welfare Departments of the State Governments and not to the ITDAs/ITDPs directly.

The following efforts are being taken to monitor the grants released to the States:

i) Utilisation certificates are insisted upon as a pre requisite for further release of funds.
ii) Periodic progress reports regarding the status of implementation of schemes are obtained.
iii) Central Government Officers undertake on-the- spot visits to the states for ascertaining the progress of implementation of

schemes.
iv) Meetings/Conferences are convened at the central level with the State Secretaries of Tribal Welfare Departments to ensure timely submission of proposals, speed up implementation of schemes, and review physical & financial progress.
v) At the State/field level, the agencies like Tribal Advisory Council, Project implementation committees of ITDPs and Panchayat Samities also monitor timely spending of funds and effective implementation of schemes.
vi) To avoid delays in disbursements of funds by the State plan/Finance and Tribal Welfare Departments, to the line departments/implementing agencies, the guidelines for allocation and utilization of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan (SCA to TSP) has since been revised with the provision of ITDA/ITDP wise earmarking of SCA funds. It has been provided in the guidelines that all States/UTs should ensure effective monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

4. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported instances of misuse of funds, procedural, financial irregularities in ITDAs at Parvathipuram (Vizianagaram Distt.) and Eturnagaram (Warangal Distt.) and Srisailam (Kurnool district). Disciplinary action has been initiated/finalised against the officials found responsible.

5. The Ministry has been impressing upon the state governments to strengthen the ITDAs/ITDPs. The Ministry is also making efforts for directly funding ITDAs/ITDPs in which case it will be possible to have a uniform pattern of administrative structure, and ensure continuous availability of funds to these institutions.

ANNEXURE-I referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.222 for 9.8.2005

LIST OF ITDAs

ANDHRA PRADESH

Name of the ITDA

1. Seethampeta
2. Parvathipuram
3. Paderu
4. Rampachodavaram
5. K.R. Puram
6. Bhadrachalam
7 Eturnagaram
8. Utnoor

ORISSA

Name of the ITDA

1. Nilgiri
2. Baripada
3. Rairangpur
4. Karanjia
5. Kaptipada
6. Sundargarh
7 Panposh
8. Bonai
9. Kuchindra
10. Keonjhar
11. Champua
12. Parlakhemundi
13. Phulbani
14. Balliguda
15. Th. Rampur
16. Koraput
17. Jeypur
18. Malkangiri
19. Nawarangpur
20. Rayagada
21. Gunupur